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Reg. No. :

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Second Semester M.A. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Supple./Imp.)

Examination, April 2025

(2023 Admissions Only)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

MAENG02C08 : Critical Theory

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80



Answer **any 5** of the following in **100** words.

(5×4=20)

1. What is "Phonocentrism" according to Derrida?
2. Define the concepts 'Signifier' and 'Signified' as used by Saussure.
3. Write a short note on Dalit literature with a focus on the experiences of the marginalized.
4. Write a brief note on the concept of 'Base' in Marxist theory.
5. Explain Cartesian dualism.
6. Identify the key concepts and the central argument of Adorno's theory in literature.

Answer **any 3** of the following in **150** words.

(3×8=24)

7. Analyze the significance of "Organic intellectuals" explained in Antonio Gramsci's theory.
8. Write a short note on Holocaust studies as a discipline for historical research.
9. Discuss how Foucault's thoughts on Biopolitics examine and critique power dynamics.
10. Examine the concept of mirror stage in Lacan's theory.
11. Evaluate LGBTQ studies as an investigation of sexual and gender diversity issues.

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PART – C

Answer **any 3** of the following in **300** words.

(3×12=36)

12. How does Cathy Caruth address Traumatic experience in *Unclaimed Experience* ?
13. How does Slavoj Žižek's ideas help to analyze current socio-political issues ?
14. Discuss Judith Butler's Gender performativity and its impact on Feminist literary studies.
15. Elaborate Bertrand Westphal's approach to the elements of geocriticism.
16. Examine Pierre Bourdieu's contribution to critical studies.

